



Task Force Meeting No. 21 Synopsis
April 27, 2009

Task Force Members Present*:

Co-Chair Sam Liccardo, Teresa Alvarado, Shiloh Ballard, Michele Beasley, Frank Chavez, Gary Chronert, Pat Dando, Dave Fadness, Enrique Fernandez, Leslee Hamilton, Sam Ho, Nancy Ianni, Lisa Jensen, Frank Jesse, Matt Kamkar, Charles Lauer, Karl Lee, Linda LeZotte, Pierluigi Oliverio, Jennifer Rodriguez, Erik Schoennauer, Judy Stabile, Michael Van Every, Jim Zito.

Task Force Members Absent:

Co-Chair Shirley Lewis, Vice-Chair David Pandori, Jackie Adams, Judy Chirco, Mary Creasman, Yolanda Cruz, Pastor Oscar Dace, Harvey Darnell, Dick Santos, Patricia Sausedo, Neil Struthers, Alofa Talivaa.

City Staff and Other Public Agency Staff Present*

Peter Hamilton (Council Office, D9), Junko Vroman (ESD), Wayne Chen (Housing), Christopher Harkness (Redevelopment), Dave Mitchell (PRNS), Ron Eddow (Housing), Joseph Horwedel (PBCE), Laurel Prevetti (PBCE), Andrew Crabtree (PBCE), Michael Brilliot (PBCE), Lee Butler (PBCE), John Baty (PBCE),

Public Present*:

Brian Schmidt (Committee for Green Foothills), David Marsland, Brian Ward, Helen Chapman, (Shasta Hanchett Neighborhood Association), Jean Dresden, Leah Toenisketter, Marie Arnold (League of Women Voters), Larry Ames,

*As verified by registering attendance on Sign-In Sheets.

1. Welcome

Meeting convened at 6:34 p.m.

2. Review and approval of March 23, 2009 Synopsis

March 23, 2009 synopsis approved.

3. Review of Work Program

Michael Brilliot (PBCE) gave a presentation that outlined the completed, current, and future steps in the land use scenario selection process, including the outcomes for the current meeting and the next (May) Task Force meetings. He noted that in June, the City Council will consider the Task Force's recommendations on the geographic distribution of growth in each of the four scenarios. Michael also highlighted some of the major steps in Phase II of the Envision San Jose 2040 process, which the Task Force will embark upon in the coming months.

4. Completion of Land Use Study Scenario Selection

Andrew Crabtree (PBCE) gave an overview of the scenarios and outlined key discussion points from the City Council discussion and action at their April 21, 2009 hearing. Andrew noted that seven scenarios are now under consideration. Among those, the existing San Jose 2020 General Plan and the two mid-growth scenarios that were previously selected by the Task Force (Scenarios C & E) would be forwarded to consultants for environmental, fiscal, and economic analysis. Andrew explained why staff recommended Scenario K be studied instead of Scenario G, and why Scenario J be studied instead of Scenario F. The Task Force briefly discussed additional alternatives, stemming from a supplemental chart distributed by a Task Force member. Task Force members then expressed the opinion that the housing growth in Scenario F was too low and that taking housing capacity out of the existing San Jose 2020 General Plan is not realistic. The Task Force voted and approved staff's recommendations to pursue environmental, fiscal, and economic analysis of Scenarios J & K.

5. Discussion of the Geographic Distribution of Jobs and Housing in Scenarios C & E

Michael Brilliot (PBCE) and Lee Butler (PBCE) presented information on the geographic areas where growth would occur in the existing San Jose 2020 General Plan, in Scenario C, and in Scenario E. Michael explained staff's methodology in assigning housing growth and job growth to various areas of the City in each scenario, explaining why housing and/or job growth was or was not placed in certain areas under each scenario. Lee presented a conceptual growth plan for the King & Tully village that displayed how growth could occur under Scenarios C & E. Michael concluded by comparing and contrasting the percentage of job and housing growth allocation to various areas under the two scenarios and the existing San Jose 2020 General Plan.

The Task Force outlined many points in their discussion. Several Task Force members contemplated whether East San Jose should have a Hub, and discussion ensued regarding where that Hub could be located. The Task Force also raised the question of whether additional growth should occur in other areas, such as Corridor 3 (along N. 1st St.), the Berryessa BART station area, and the Downtown Core. The Task Force requested that additional documentation be provided regarding the existing capacity of the Downtown Core and the Berryessa BART areas.

The topic of park acreage was raised by several Task Force members. Most of those raising the issue advocated for the inclusion of more parkland. Adequacy of existing schools, hospitals, sewer, streets, and water was also questioned. The Task Force requested information on the adequacy of a water supply for the proposed growth, and staff responded that water supply assessments are a requirement of state law, will be prepared after growth areas are identified, and will be presented to the Task Force.

The Task Force voted to rename the remaining scenarios according to their respective "jobs to employed resident" ratios.

6. Public Comment

Brian Schmidt, with Committee for Green Foothills, spoke in support of the Sierra Club and Greenbelt Alliance letters that were forwarded to the Task Force as part of this meeting's materials. He expressed concern over protection of wildlife corridors and requested that any scenario showing development in North Coyote Valley also show how growth would occur if North Coyote Valley were not developed.

Helen Chapman, President of the Shasta Hanchett Neighborhood Association, advocated for more parkland and expressed concern over intensification of Midtown without transit and other infrastructure to support it.

Jean Dresden questioned whether we should use the existing San Jose 2020 General Plan as a starting point, asking whether we should reconsider the areas currently allocated growth capacity. She noted that development could be more centralized than what the existing General Plan has planned, and she questioned whether additional jobs could be added to the Midtown area.

Brian Ward of the Buena Vista Neighborhood Association stated that more retail is needed in Midtown, that VTA funding for BART may not be adequate, and that additional residential development occurring in Midtown would cause already poor traffic conditions to worsen.

Several speakers mentioned their desire to speak prior to the earlier scenario selection vote. Chair Liccardo asked the Task Force if anyone wanted to rescind their vote on the scenario selection after public comment, and no Task Force members accepted.

7. Task Force Vote on Geographic Distribution of Jobs and Housing for Land Use Scenarios C & E

The Task Force members voted to approve staff's recommended geographic distribution of jobs and housing for Scenarios C & E, with the following two exceptions:

1. Provide more focus on Downtown intensification (housing & jobs) and
2. Better define an East San Jose Hub (with possible locations at Berryessa/Capitol or Story/King)

8. Announcements

Shilo Ballard announced a TOD tour and an online blog for her upcoming trip to evaluate Planning in Germany.

Michael Brilliot announced an upcoming Wastewater Treatment Plant planning meeting.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.